REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) Attorney Docket: 029065.48666C1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:



This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No. __09/956,095
Filed on __September 20, 2001
Of __Marc G. ACHEN et al.
Entitled: METHODS FOR TREATING NEOPLASTIC DISEASE
CHARACTERIZED BY VASCULAR ENDOTHELIAL GROWTH
FACTOR D EXPRESSION, FOR SCREENING FOR NEOPLASTIC
DISEASE OR METASTATIC RISK, AND FOR MAINTAINING
VASCULARIZATION OF TISSUE
Examiner: __P. HUYNH
Group: __1644_____

- X 1. Accompanying this order is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed including 44 claims (89 pages), Sequence Listing (Pages 1-6) and 21 Sheets of Formal Drawings showing Figs. 1-20.
- _ 2. New Formal drawings are being filed herewith consisting of _ sheet(s), depicting Figures _.
- X 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney:
 - a. _ Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. X Copy from prior application
 - i. __ Deletion of Inventors signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application
- X 4. Incorporation by Reference:

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as



being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

- 5. Cancel original claims ____ .
- 6. Small entity status:

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- A small entity statement is enclosed a.
- _A statement of small entity status (copy attached) was filed b. on in the prior application and status as a small entity is still proper and desired.

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- Is no longer claimed c.
- X Please enter the attached **Preliminary Amendment** prior to 7. calculation of the filing fee.

CLAIMS AS FILED, INCLUDING ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED OR ADDED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee	\$375\$75	0
Total Claims	29 - 20 = 9 x 9 = $$$ 18 = $$162$	
Ind. Claims	6 x 42 = \$ 84 = \$ 126	
	Multiple Dependent Claims + 140 = <u>\$</u> 280 = <u>\$</u>	
	Total <u>\$</u> <u>\$1,038</u>	3.00
<u>X</u> 8.	Please charge my Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Doc # 029065.48666C1) in the amount of \$ 1,038.00 .	cket
9.	A check in the amount of to cover the filing fee is enclosed	•
<u>X</u> 10.	The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 or credit	

X Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the 11. sentence: -- This application is a continuation of application Serial No. <u>09/956,095</u>, filed <u>September 20, 2001</u>.--

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X 12. Benefit is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120 of prior U.S. patent application Serial Nos. <u>09/956,095</u> filed September 20, 2001; <u>09/796,714</u> filed on March 2, 2001; <u>60/186,361</u>, filed March 2, 2000 and <u>60/234,196</u>, filed September 20, 2000.

- __ 13. A certified copy of each said priority document was filed in application Serial No. __ on __.
- X 14. The prior application is assigned of record to <u>Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research</u>. The assignment was recorded on February 5, 2002 at reel 012562, frame 0136.
- \underline{X} 15. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

Herbert I. Cantor, Reg. No. 24,392; James F. McKeown, Reg. No. 25,406; Donald D. Evenson, Reg. No. 26,160; Joseph D. Evans, Reg. No. 26,269; Gary R. Edwards, Reg. No. 31,824; and Jeffrey D. Sanok, Reg. No. 32,169.

- X a. The power appears in the original application papers in the prior application.
- X b. a copy of the executed power of attorney as submitted in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. Attached is a duplicate of a Supplemental Declaration which was filed in the prior application to overcome informalities.
- X d. Address all future correspondence to:

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- X 16. An Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 are submitted herewith.
- __ 17. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.
- X 18. Return Receipt Postcard.
- X 19. Other: Request for Transfer of Computer Readable Form of Sequence Listing and Application Data Sheet

Please note that a Petition for a three-month extension of time is also being submitted today (July 28, 2003) in parent application Serial No. 09/956,095, filed September 20, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

July 28, 2003

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